

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.173(b)(2), without prejudice or disclaimer, please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method of decreasing a risk of mortality caused by congestive heart failure in a patient in need of such decrease, said method comprising:

administering to said patient first dosages at least daily for a period of from 7 to 28 days, said first dosages each comprising carvedilol,

then administering to said patient second dosages at least daily for a period of from 7 to 28 days, said second dosages each containing carvedilol, and

then administering to said patient third dosages daily for a maintenance period to decrease a risk of mortality caused by congestive heart failure, said third dosages each comprising carvedilol, said maintenance period is greater than six months, and said third dosages each comprising a daily maintenance dose in the range of from about 10 mg to about 100 mg of carvedilol,

said first dosages each comprising carvedilol in an amount which is 10-30% of said daily maintenance dose,

said second dosages each comprising carvedilol in an amount which is 20-70% of said daily maintenance dose.